



ABC Update June 2013

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ABC Investigator Lauren Batts is 2012 Investigator of the Year

On Wednesday, April 3, 2013, in a ceremony at the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in Frankfort, Commissioner Frederick Higdon presented Investigator Lauren Batts with the ABC Division of Enforcement Investigator of the Year for 2012. Batts won this award for the second year straight; an unprecedented accomplishment.

"This award is especially significant because the recipient is chosen by his or her colleagues and then reviewed by an award committee," said Commissioner Higdon.

Investigator Batts began her distinguished law enforcement career in 2005 with Probation and Parole in Shelby County. A graduate of University of Kentucky in Sociology with a Criminal Law focus, Batts was focused on law enforcement as her chosen profession.

Batts joined the Shelby County Sheriff's Office shortly after, and went through the Police Academy earning distinction as a cadet before going on patrol as a Deputy.

In 2009, Batts joined the ABC Division of Enforcement and was assigned to Jefferson County. She networked with law enforcement agencies such as Louisville Metro, University of Louisville Police, Louisville Metro ABC, St Matthews Police, and others. Through these connections and relationships, Batts worked on task forces such as Party Patrol, allowing more integrated and effective enforcement with the collaboration established.

Besides law enforcement relationships, Batts established good working relationships with community groups and prevention agencies such as BRICC Coalition at U of L which focuses on preventing underage drinking and responsible alcohol use for those of age. She is often tapped as a resource for these agencies and assists in getting grants for programs that positively affect these communities facing underage drinking problems. Next month, Batts will be a guest speaker at an underage drinking conference held by Seven Counties. She will represent the programs and prevention techniques from a law enforcement perspective.

Investigator Batts credits an inner drive to be the best she can be in all areas of her life as the catalyst for her success, specifically in character and how she treats others. Investigator Batts believes one should not measure success by professional accomplishments only, but through all areas of life.

Batts plans to enjoy a long career in law enforcement. She has a true calling for the work she is doing and is proud to be distinguished by her peers and supervisors.



ABC Personnel News

There are new faces at the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. We'd like to introduce them to you.

Serving as the new executive secretary to Commissioner Higdon is Judy Manning. Judy Manning was born in Louisville. She worked for Spragens & Higdon Law firm in Lebanon, KY where she resides with her husband, Dr. Curt Manning. They have three grown children, Jason, Max and Michelle.

Trey Hieneman joined ABC in February after serving as Communications Director for Rep. Robert Damron (D-Nicholasville) for the past four years. He is overseeing the agency's regulatory work. He and his wife, Amie, have twin two year old daughters - Mallory and Avery.

A familiar person to those who visit or call our office is Amanda Bryant. She was recently selected to join the Education Branch as the new Administrative Assistant working with S.T.A.R. training and other Education Branch programs.

ABC Payment Update:

Effective June 1st, there will be a Convenience Fee of 2% added to all credit card transactions.

S.T.A.R. Training Dates

Below are upcoming dates for the Server Training in Alcohol Regulations. In addition to responsible sales and service training, we cover Kentucky-specific statutes and regulations, individual liabilities and fake IDs. Class time is four hours. **Register for class and keep up with class changes and additions at <http://abc.ky.gov>. July through December's schedule will be available soon on the website.**



Date	Time	Location	City	County
06/04/2013	9:00AM	Four Points by Sheraton	Lexington	Fayette
06/10/2013	5:00PM	Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control	Frankfort	Franklin
06/10/2013	5:00PM	Cigar Factory Mall	Owensboro	Daviess
06/11/2013	9:00AM	Hampton Inn	Corbin	Laurel
06/15/2013	9:00AM	Four Points by Sheraton	Lexington	Fayette
06/17/2013	6:00PM	Ramada Conference Center	Louisville	Jefferson
06/18/2013	9:00AM	City Hall	Paducah	McCracken
06/18/2013	9:00AM	Pritchard Community Center	Elizabethtown	Hardin
06/24/2013	9:00AM	Jenny Wiley SRP	Prestonsburg	Floyd
06/24/2013	9:00AM	Hampton Inn	Hopkinsville	Christian

